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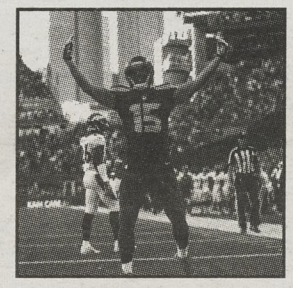

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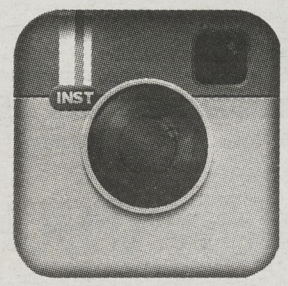

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Community garden to come to campus this spring

The proposed garden will be adjacent to the CSULB Housing Office.

By Shane Newell
City Editor

The Cal State Long Beach community garden is one step closer toward its fruition nearly 10 months after being proposed by a former Associated Students Inc. vice presidential candidate.

Following months of behind-the-scenes planning, senior engineering major Vincent Holguin and ASI Vice President Jonathon Bolin said that CSULB has finally given permission to develop a pilot program for a community garden on campus.

"We're in the planning process," Bolin said. "We're still fundraising [and] looking for sponsors."

Bolin said the idea for the community garden came from the 2013 ASI election campaigns.

"[Holguin] had this idea when he ran for office last year," Bolin said. "I love community gardens. It's a great way to get a community of people interested in where our food comes from."

When Holguin ran for ASI vice president in 2013, he told the Daily 49er that his "main focus would be to create an organic garden."

"I've found much joy in gardens and to share it with others is enough for me," Holguin said.

When Bolin won the vice presidential position, Holguin said the garden wasn't addressed again until summer 2013.

Holguin said that Bolin contacted him over the summer and asked if he was still interested in the community garden project. Holguin, who was serving as a congressional intern, said he was.

"I learned a lot about bi-partisanship [at my internship,]" Holguin said. "If people don't come together, nothing will get done."

Holguin and Bolin said the proposed community garden will sit atop the sand volleyball court adjacent to the CSULB Housing Office, although the intended location for the garden was on the sacred Gabrielino-Tongva tribal land on campus.

"[After] meeting with the administration, they decided to offer us another

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Above: Senior biology major Taelyr Rivers catches insects for her Entomology 316 class on lower campus Monday. The class uses lab microscopes to identify and study insects found on campus.

Left: Junior zoology major Becca Price, left, and senior biology major Arturo Rivers retrieve an insect from a net during an entomology class.

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CSULB professor to go to Greece on Fulbright Grant

Bita Ghafoori plans to research the mental health effects that Greece's economic collapse has had on its people.

By Shane Newell
City Editor

Cal State Long Beach professor Bita Ghafoori is planning a trip to Greece later this year, but it won't be for a summer vacation.

Ghafoori, who is a professor of advanced studies in education and counseling at CSULB, has been awarded a grant from the Fulbright Specialist Program to work with administrators at the University of Crete from May to June.

The grant covers international fare, travel related expenses and a $200 per day grant payment, according to the Fulbright Specialist Program website. Host institutions often pay for lodging and food as well.

Ghafoori said she is interested in studying the mental health effects that Greece's economic collapse has had on its people.

"They are in need of help," she said.

The Greek economy began to falter in December 2009 when the country admitted it had amassed nearly €300 billion worth of debt, according to BBC. In 2010, the International Monetary Fund and Eurozone nations reached a €110 billion bailout package, according to BBC.

Ghafoori said there is only one Greek university that offers educational opportunities for those seeking a master's degree necessary to become a professional mental health practitioner.

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Bita Ghafoori

New CSULB president to be announced this week

Cal State Long Beach's new president could be named as early as Wednesday.

By Shane Newell and Daniel Serrano
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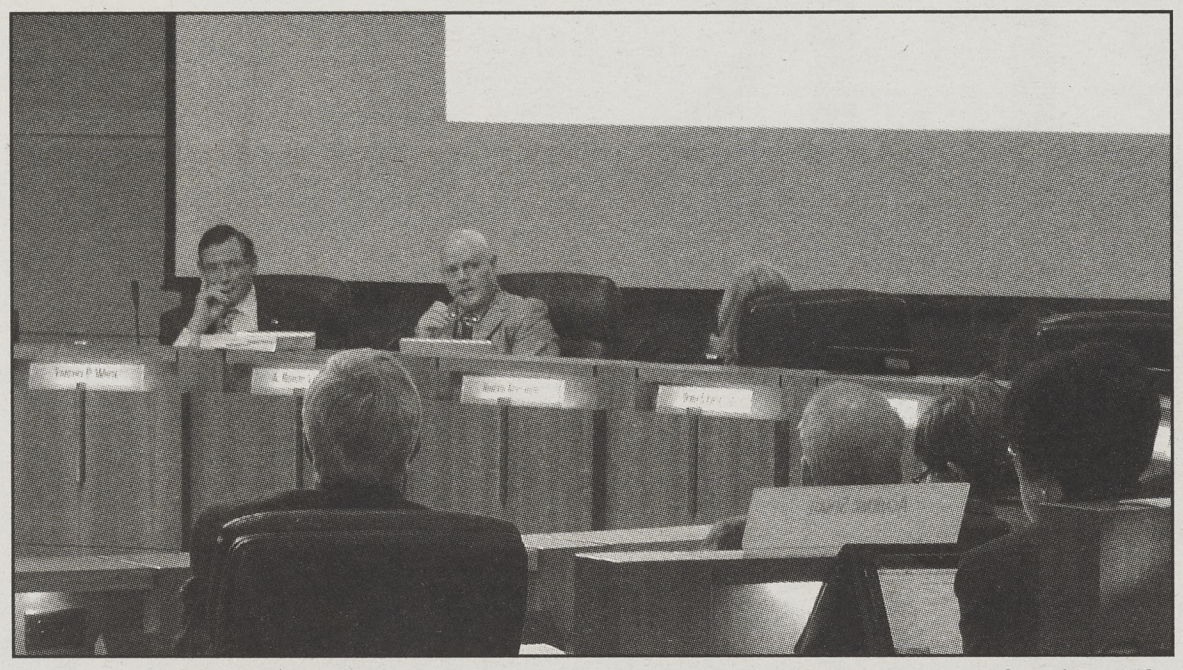

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Cal State Trustees meet during the Board of Trustees meeting in Dumke Auditorium on November 5.

Cal State Long Beach's next president could be revealed as early as tomorrow, Cal State University Spokesman Mike Uhlenkamp said.

The CSU Board of Trustees may name the next CSULB president sometime during its meeting on Wednesday, according to Uhlenkamp.

The first Board meeting of 2014 will take place today and tomorrow in Downtown Long Beach, with Chancellor Timothy P. White scheduled to make a State of the CSU address.

"It's where [White] will take the opportunity to share his vision of where the CSU is headed," Uhlenkamp said of the address. "[He will] discuss initiatives that should be tackled in 2014-15."

According to the CSU website, all but one of the committees will be held in closed session. An open session for the Committee on Collective Bargaining will begin at 4:30 p.m.

According to the Board agenda, the Committee on Educational Policy is expected to provide updates on reducing bottleneck courses, or classes that students need for graduation but often fill quickly before a student can enroll.

The Board agenda also stated that eight eAcademies, course development programs that involve both in-person meetings and online activities, have brought 169 CSU faculty members from 22 CSU campuses together to share information on how student success can be improved.

The Committee on Finance will also discuss a proposed change to how Cal Grant eligibility is defined as part of Gov. Jerry Brown's grant.

Currently, the law states that CSU students lose Cal Grant eligibility if their family's income goes above a certain level, according to the Board agenda. Brown's proposed budget could change this by allowing a CSU student to reapply for a Cal Grant if their family's income dips below the specified income threshold.

The governor's recently released budget also presumes that tuition will not rise through 2014-15. It includes a plan to rearrange CSU debt and enable the CSU to commit $15 million annually to infrastructure and maintenance costs, according to the Board agenda.

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parcel on campus," said Holguin, who is also a member of the Gabrielino-Tongva tribe.

Bolin said he hopes to bring approximately 40 4-by-10 foot garden boxes to the proposed garden site. He said woodchips will cover the sand that already sits on the volleyball court.

There is a meeting scheduled Friday to further discuss the community garden and how responsibilities will be divided up for its making.

Campus organizations like 49er Shops Inc. have already expressed interest in growing vegetables in the community garden, Bolin and Holguin said.

"We want to get students involved at all levels," Bolin said. "The overall goal is to break ground by end of April."

The purpose of Friday's meeting is to meet with student leaders and launch a student steering committee, Holguin said.

"We'll take everyone's opinions into consideration," he said. "[Bolin] and I are making it very clear that this is not an ASI-driven [project]. It is a student initiative."

Bolin said the informational meeting will take place on Friday at 11 a.m. in University Student Union, Room 311. The meeting is open to all students.

As drought continues, feds could seize water

Farmers from California's San Joaquin Valley set aside precious water last year, like money in a bank.

But now someone else might claim the investment.

With the state extremely dry, the farmers fear federal officials could effectively seize for other purposes the water set aside primarily in San Luis Reservoir on the valley's west side. Affected farmers say that would be wrong. Unfortunately for them, it might also be legal.

"The only reason water is in San Luis Reservoir is that farmers planned ahead last year and saved water for this year," Mark Borba, a farmer in the Westlands Water District, said Monday. "The water is owned and paid for by farmers."

At the very least, the struggle boiling up over "rescheduled" or "carryover" water underscores the tricky balancing act that California's drought now forces on farmers, water managers and lawmakers alike. As reservoir levels drop, myriad competing tradeoffs are coming to light. The longer the drought lasts, the harder these choices become.

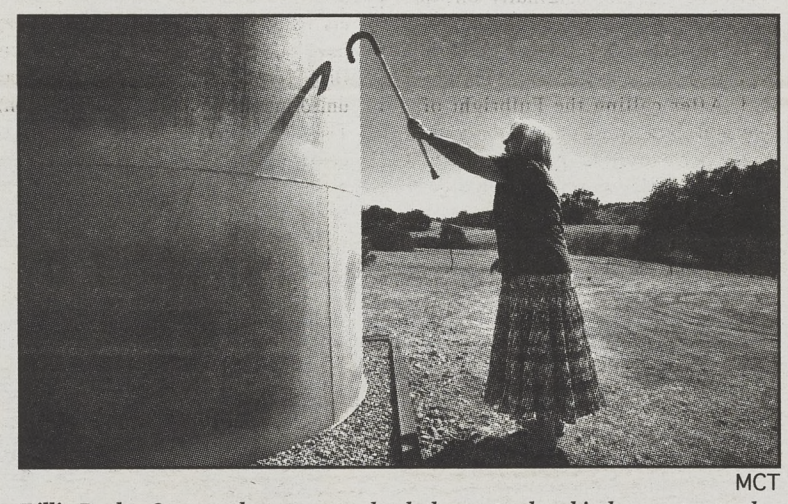
"We understand they've got a complex situation to deal with," Rep. Jim Costa (D-Calif.), said Monday. "It's sensitive and delicate, obviously."

The water currently in question includes about 340,000 acre-feet stored at San Luis Reservoir on behalf of west side farmers, as well as a significantly smaller amount stored behind Friant Dam on behalf of farmers on the valley's east side. The water was provided through the federal Central Valley Project, a Redding-to-Bakersfield network of reservoirs, pumping plants and canals.

Some irrigation districts last year were able to meet their aquatic demands without fully tapping their CVP contracts. What they didn't use, they had the federal Bureau of Reclamation store and carry over until this year. Usually, that's not a problem. But over the last week or so, as federal officials have confronted the enormity of California's drought, they have declined to rule out the possibility of taking the carried-over water for other, legally compelling purposes.

"In the past, the bureau's policy has always been to respect these [water] rescheduling efforts," Costa said. "Where it gets complicated is when you have three consecutive dry years."

Joined by Republican Reps. Kevin McCarthy, David Valadao and Devin Nunes, as well as Democratic Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Costa is urging the Interior Department not to redirect the so-called carryover water to other purposes. The bipartisan political muscle may be hard to ignore.



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Billie Parks, 83, uses her cane to check the water level in her water tank.

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"In the past, [Greece] wasn't accustomed to providing people with mental health services," she said. "Mental health was considered a luxury. Someone who wanted it was very distraught or very wealthy."

Ghafoori said she became interested in the Fulbright Specialist Program after realizing it would give her the opportunity to do a lot of work in a short period of time.

The program allows U.S. faculty to participate in two- to six-week long projects in more than 140 countries, according to the Fulbright Specialist Program website.

While in Greece, Ghafoori said, she hopes she can achieve the two short-term goals she has set for herself.

"The first goal is that [the faculty at the University of Crete] want me to assist them to re-structure [their] curriculum," Ghafoori said. "They want to be able to meet the needs of those seeking mental health services."

Ghafoori said she also hopes to help people who work in the mental health world to develop research skills.

"They feel as if their skills may not match what's necessary to conduct research," she said.

Although Ghafoori said she will enjoy working with mental health professionals at the University of Crete, she said she has never had the opportunity to study in Greece.

Greece was not originally on the list of countries participating in the Fulbright program that requested the expertise she possesses, Ghafoori said. After calling the Fulbright office and explaining that she wanted to use her expertise in Greece, Ghafoori was able to set up her study program.

Ghafoori said she decided to go to Greece because she had been following the economic crisis since it began.

Unfinished proposals shadow Obama's Address

WASHINGTON — A year ago, when President Barack Obama delivered his State of Union speech before Congress and imagined providing preschool for all 4-year-olds, he followed his expansive vision with a bit of candor. "That's something we should be able to do," he said.

The president's tone, more aspirational than expectant, was a nod to the reality of this annual Washington ritual. Little of what the president proposes in his most high-profile speech of the year is likely to get done, at least not any time soon.

As Obama polishes a fresh list of ideas to tick off Tuesday night, many of last year's proposals remain unfinished, stymied by politically divided Washington. His gun-control push has petered out. His immigration overhaul is stuck in the Republican-led House. Congress has not heeded his call to raise the minimum wage.

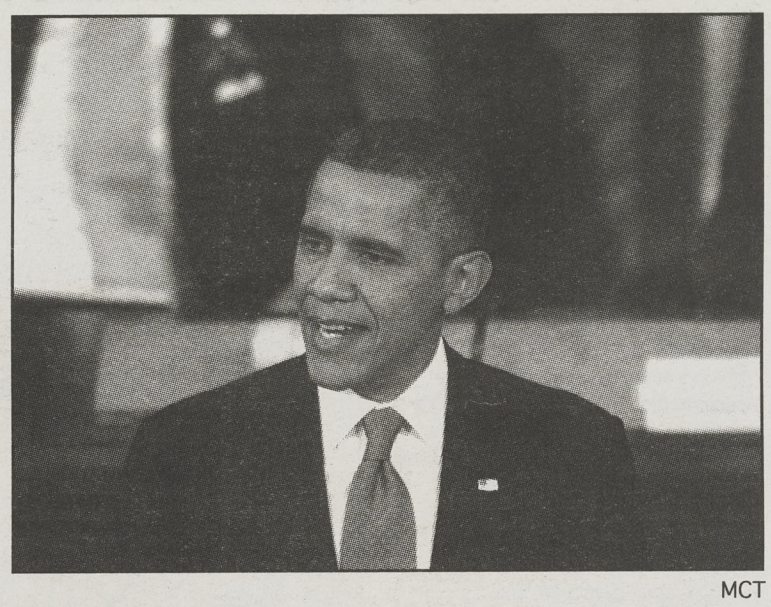
And, in the year since his speech, neither the House nor the Senate, where his party is in control, has even held a hearing on a bill to expand preschool.

White House spokesman Jay Carney conceded that progress on last year's proposals was "modest," but searched for a favorable benchmark: "It was not modest compared to what we'd seen in previous years."

Obama's predicament is hardly unique.

Nearly all modern presidents have used the State of the Union address to showcase policy goals both real and still somewhat imagined. The proposals have been high-minded. But they have also been small-bore (President Bill Clinton famously endorsed school uniforms and watching less television). They have been dreamy (President George H.W. Bush wanted money "to plant a billion trees a year"). They have been catchy (Obama's "Buffett rule" would have ensured that billionaires paid a higher tax rate).

And they have included fixtures, such as health care reform, that have featured in nearly every address for decades. For Obama, the revolving cast has also included mortgage assistance, infrastructure spending, tax reform and college affordability. Despite the prime-time spotlight, many proposals seem to fade quickly.



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President Barack Obama addresses Congress and the nation during last year's State of the Union speech.

"I think what you're going to hear from the president on Tuesday night is a series of concrete, practical, specific proposals on how we restore opportunity through a wide set of means: job training, education, manufacturing, energy," White House adviser Dan Pfeiffer said on "Fox News Sunday."

The president wants to work with Congress, Pfeiffer wrote over the weekend in an email to supporters, but "will not wait for Congress."

Obama made similar pledges to flex his executive muscle in last year's speech and spent the last few weeks making good on some. He named five "promise zones," impoverished areas that received top priority for federal money. He awarded a research project in North Carolina millions of dollars, as part of his goal of creating a network of manufacturing innovation centers. He accepted a report on voting reform from a commission he had touted.

On Tuesday, he will announce new initiatives, which the White House has declined to discuss. "He'll certainly aim high," Carney said. "Presidents ought to aim high. I don't think any president has ever gone before Congress and said, 'I hope to do this, this, this and this with you that year' and, at the end of the year, discovered that his list was too short, that everything got done."

Still, the status of past proposals offers a glimpse of the prospects for success. Most initiatives Obama can push on his own are incremental, while most large-scale proposals move at glacial pace, or not at all.

Republicans on Capitol Hill are no more likely this year than last to endorse expensive programs, even in the name of job creation. They have shown little interest in minimum-wage legislation; bills that would raise it to more than $10 per hour have drawn no Republican co-sponsors. Immigration reform stands as the notable exception, not because Obama has prioritized it, but because some Republicans see it as a necessary step for the party to win over Latino voters.

The first year in the life of Obama's preschool plan illustrates the nature of the hurdles ahead. Although GOP governors have moved to expand public preschool and polls show such efforts are popular, the launch of the federal effort was slow and sputtering.

The White House proposed paying to make preschool available to 4-year-olds in nearly all low- and moderate-income families with a 94-cent tobacco tax, an idea spurned by lawmakers from both parties.

"I was happy to see they at least had some sort of plan for paying for this. It was in itself a bold statement," said Lisa Guernsey, director of the early education initiative at the New America Foundation. "But in reality the idea of raising a tax to pay for this was met with a lot of silence."

The bill took months to draft and, even then, did not include a way to pay for it. In November, it was unveiled by Education Secretary Arne Duncan, Democratic lawmakers and its one Republican co-author in the House. Two months later, only one other Republican has signed on.

But the budget bill passed earlier this month included $250 million to help states expand preschool programs. The White House and its allies view that money as a "down payment" on the president's plan. House Republicans deny it had anything to do with Obama's proposal.

—Kathleen Hennessey, Tribune Washington Bureau

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OUR VIEW: MEDIA SHOULD FOCUS ON ECONOMY, NOT SCANDAL

First lady of France, Valerie Trierweiler, left her partner of seven years, French president Francois Hollande, and plans on traveling to India for an anti-hunger charity, according to an Al Jazeera article.

Her surprising departure has raised some eyebrows, as it closely followed rumors of Hollande's alleged affair with another woman.

Trierweiler and Hollande never married but had been in a relationship since 2006. Trierweiler assumed the role as first lady of France following Hollande's 2012 election.

Celebrity reports speculated that Hollande was seeing French actress and producer Julie Gayet, according to Al Jazeera.

Opinion's about Trierweiler have been considerably low, according to a BVA opinion poll in France.

Only eight percent of respondents in France had a favorable opinion of her, according to the Al Jazeera article.

Ironically, poll's showed the public's opinion of Hollande rose after the alleged affair. His popularity rose from 23 percent in December to 26 percent.

The majority of constituents in favor of Hollande are women in their early twenties to late forties, according to an article from The Standard UK.

Although some are paying attention to the scandal, there are many people still concerned with the existing economic crisis in France, according to an article in Reuters.

Since Hollande entered office, France's high unemployment rate has slowly decreased and he is working on a "pro business shift policy," according to Reuters.

As the scandal develops, many global news outlets are paying attention to Trierweiler's personal life, focusing on her leaving her position as first lady and her subsequent trip to India.

We've seen this relationship between media coverage of a country's politics and celebrity gossip before.

Hollande's scandal leads us to think of other political figures who have faced similar scandals, such as former president Bill Clinton's and his infamous affair with Monica Lewinsky between 1995 and 1997.

This affair was one of the factor's that led to Clinton's impeachment by the House of Representatives in 1998, although he was later acquitted by the Senate in 1999.

It's a little sad that media outlets and the general public paid closer attention to Lewinsky than the progress Clinton made while in office, but that's the nature of such scandals.

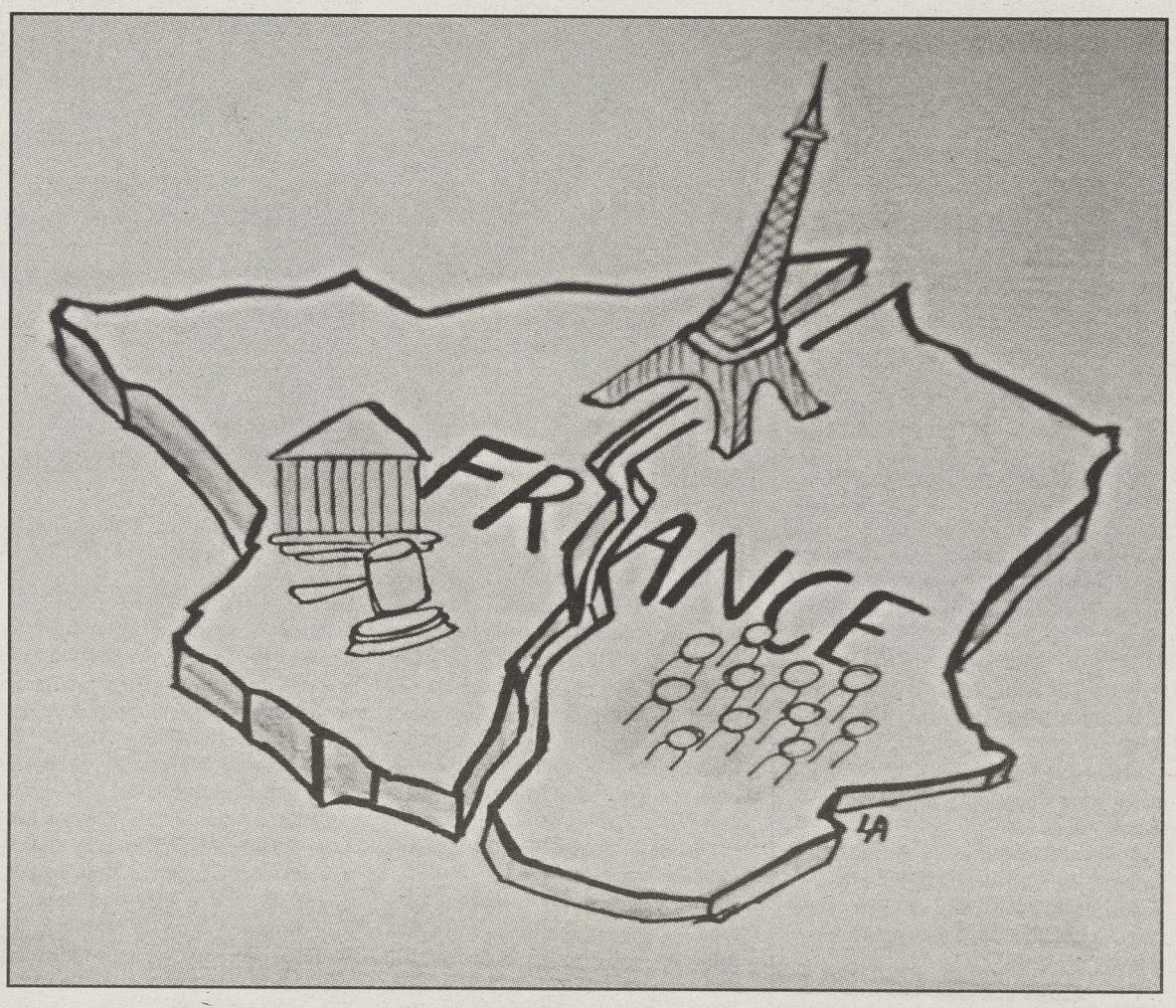
We see similar events happening in France, where some news outlets are highlighting opinion polls and Hollande's alleged affair.

Like Hollande, Clinton's opinion poll rose after the Lewinsky scandal, according to a poll conducted by CBS.

The problem is that news outlets are missing the bigger picture.

Global news outlets need to focus more on actual politics when it comes to political figures.

More attention should be paid to a country's economic state rather than the private lives of its political figures.



We understand that going into political office draws the attention of the public. Arguments can be made that political figures should be cautious while in office to avoid scandals such as affairs.

However, we think that instead of drawing public attention to private affairs, the media has the power to inform the public on France's economic development rather than update them on the details of an alleged affair.

Savannah Brown empowers her audience with poetic slam

By Joann Row
Opinions Editor

"When I first learned that no one could ever love me more than me."

This is the first line from 17-year-old Savannah Brown's slam poem, "What guys look for in girls," which has generated more than 1.1 million viewers on YouTube.

Brown initiated the slam poem in response to teen social media celebrity Nash Grier's YouTube video with the same title.

Grier's nine-minute video features two fellow young male YouTube stars as they discuss their definition of the ideal girl.

In the beginning of the video, they introduce examples of the perfect partner, such as a girl who can "make you a better you."

The video quickly shifts to talking about a girl's physical characteristics. Grier and his friends dismiss girls with "fake tits" and "with no personalities."

I understand the desire to partner with someone that has a personality, but it seems to me that everyone has some sort of a personality. What are these teenage boys' definitions of a "personality?" And if life experience comes into play, how much has their personalities developed at the ripe age of 16?

The video continues to more arbitrary physical aspects of the female form. The YouTube boys continue saying that they are only attracted to girls with natural faces, sparkling smiles and favor girls who are short and petite.

Brown challenges Grier's video with her motivational words of loving ones self.

Brown's poem opens with lines about seeking love in others and how people are trained to seek validation.

"Sometimes when I need to meet the me that loves me, I can't find her/ A reminder that the mirror is meant to be a curse so I confine her in my mind/ But when he or she shouts, 'Let me out,' we're allowed to listen."

Majority opinion claims that Brown's poem is geared towards females, but Brown's words are carefully placed to relate to both genders.

Brown shares her body image struggles during her adolescence as she tried to fit the mold of the perfect girl. She aimed to be desired by males.

Brown's poem heartbreakingly says, "hoping, praying to something that I could look beautiful enough today, braces and all/ For the ruthless boys who mercilessly told me I was worthless."

As I hear Brown's slam poem, I don't see it as only a women's issue in body image and self love but a human issue as well.

The importance behind Brown's response to Grier's video is that people, regardless of gender, struggle to find self-acceptance due to the opinions of others.

The root of the matter is that these body image issues begin at the adolescent phase and continue to grow as we age.

We need to take responsibility for these unhealthy standards we place on ourselves.

Brown's poem ends with the sentiment, "you don't live to meet credentials established by a madman/ You're a goddamn treasure, whether you wanna believe it or not/ Maybe that's what everyone should start looking for."

Why should we see ourselves as copper pennies when we're all gold medals?

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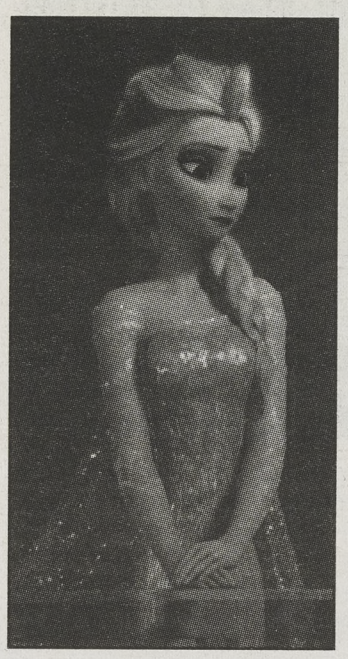
Disney's 'Frozen' shows progress for modern day princesses



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This article may contain spoilers.

Disney films have a long history of teaching young women to be princesses, damsels in distress waiting for their prince to save them — until now.

"Frozen" is the first feminist film created by the movie giant and unlike most princess stories, romance is not the main conflict in "Frozen."

Instead, Anna, the heroine, is trying to save the city Arendelle. Although there is a bit of romance in the film, it only serves as a plot twist to throw viewers off.

The film uses stereotypes of the fairy tale genre to change the whole perspective of the film.

In one scene, after a musical number between two male and female leads who just met, in true Disney princess fashion, Anna asks her sister Elsa if she can marry her true love, Prince Hans.

Elsa answers the question with what modern feminists, or any rational human being have been saying all along, "you can't marry someone you just met."

Elsa embodies a modern day feminist. She is a queen and everyone in Arendelle accepts a woman as the sovereign; in other words, without a male figure beside her.

Disney films tend to show villains and wise older maids as alone and more often than not, bitter, while Disney princesses are always coupled with the closest man they can find.

Disney's transition into modern, female leads can be seen when comparing the classic princess Snow White and the wave of modern princesses, such as Rapunzel in "Tangled" and Tiana in "Princess and the Frog."

The Black princess, Tiana, was one of the first to venture away from the norm by being the first Black princess. Tiana is also the first princess with a goal apart from finding true love.

Disney continues to explore new themes in "Frozen" by introducing Elsa, the first heroine who is strong enough to stand on her own and is neither lonely nor bitter.

Elsa's personality comes to life in the song "For the First Time in Forever" where she sings, "yes/ I'm alone but I'm alone and free."

The film promotes the message that the true love of sisterhood, and not the cliché trope of heterosexual love, saves the day.

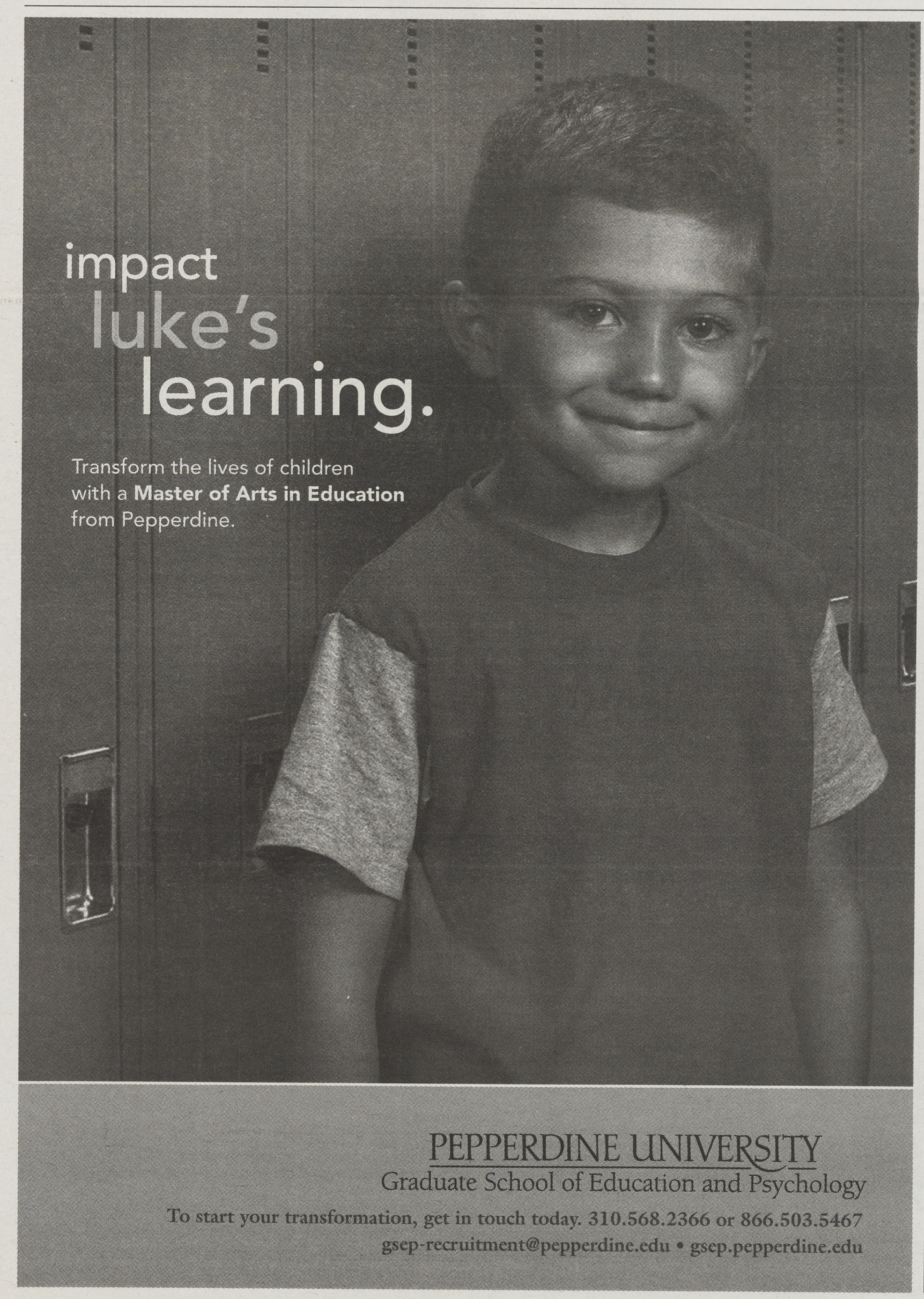
This can be a good sign for more progressive Disney animated films that could break beyond the one-dimensional damsel in distress.

The company is taking baby steps towards gender equality in its films. For instance, Disney has recently added a lesbian character in the Disney Channel show "Good Luck Charlie."

Similarly, "Frozen" featured a character that is possibly gay. Oaken, the owner and shopkeeper of Wandering Oaken's Trading Post and Sauna, points towards his family during his interaction with Anna. His family consisted of four children and one blonde bulky man. Though it was never said aloud, it is implied that the blonde is Oaken's partner.

According to the Los Angeles Times, "Frozen" has grossed more than $763 million worldwide since its debut in November. It is Disney's first animated hit since "The Lion King" in 1994.

The film's financial success also extends to its merchandise sales, which sold out in stores, resorts and online.



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Left: Owner Leah Zahn buys clothes from local designers and community members' closets.

Above: Tattered is a resale and consignment shop where shoppers can appease the hipster within by buying used fashion.

RECYCLE YOUR CLOSET

BY DANIELLE CARSON

Diversions Editor

The current generation of young people is straying away from disposable clothing and seeking individuality in their attire.

Leah Zahn, 35, said she has sifted through the racks of thrift stores for treasures since she was in high school, and more recently, opened her own clothing store in Long Beach.

Zahn's three-month-old clothing store, Tattered, recycles used fashions and sells items from local designers.

She said that after earning a degree in fashion at Long Beach City College, she worked in the fashion industry as a fashion forecaster and designer.

Zahn, who sees herself as more of a people person, said she did not want to work in an office so she took a leap of faith and opened her own business.

"I realized there was a void in Long Beach," Zahn said. "There [weren't] too many options here."

According to the National Association of Resale and Thrift Shops, about 16 to 18 percent of Americans shop at a thrift store during a given year. At the same time, 11.4 percent of Americans shop in factory outlet malls, 19.6 percent shop in apparel stores and 21.3 percent shop in major department stores.

First Research, a consumer research group, estimates that the resale industry generates approximately $13 billion in annual revenue, allowing stores like Tattered to set a milestone in a new era of fashion.

Types of resale shops vary from charity shops like Goodwill, to selective trading companies like Buffalo Exchange.

Zahn said some merchandise sold at Tattered is purchased directly from vendors, but a good percentage of the pieces are donated, bought or made by local designers, which makes the shop one of a kind.

At Tattered, Zahn said that they buy both high-end and mall labels, including surf and skate brands, Free People, Urban Outfitters designer handbags and select vintage pieces. The type and style of clothing, though, varies depending on the season, inventory and fashion trends.

Victoria Santana, an employee at the store and new merchandise buyer, said they buy items based primarily on style and then consider the label.

Santana said that she, Zahn and other employees regularly look at fluctuations in the fashion industry and price items accordingly.

Santana said they also follow new trends to make sure they are showcasing items that will attract young fashionistas.

Staying true to her philosophy of encouraging local designers, Zahn sells custom jewelry and clothing made by local artists who receive a 50 percent profit on their merchandise sold in her store.

Zahn said that clothing reuse benefits the environment just as much as it does your wallet. Rather than throwing your clothes into a landfill while feeding the demand for clothing production and nonrenewable resources, reuse allows customers to treasure another person's trash.

"A lot of people don't know about this option," Zahn said. "They're so stunned when they realize that they can resell their closet to me and get cash or credit. Instead of going to the mall ... come here and find that one treasure only you can find, and it fits you and nobody else."

She said when Tattered buys unwanted pieces, the seller receives 35 percent of the price they determine in cash, or 55 percent store credit. For those looking to chuck a designer bag, Tattered also offers consignment on certain designer labels, giving the original owner 50 percent of the price when it sells.

Although reclaiming cash that you thought was forever lost is a great feeling, Zahn said many customers opt for store credit as 55 percent is the highest percentage offered from stores of its kind in Southern California.

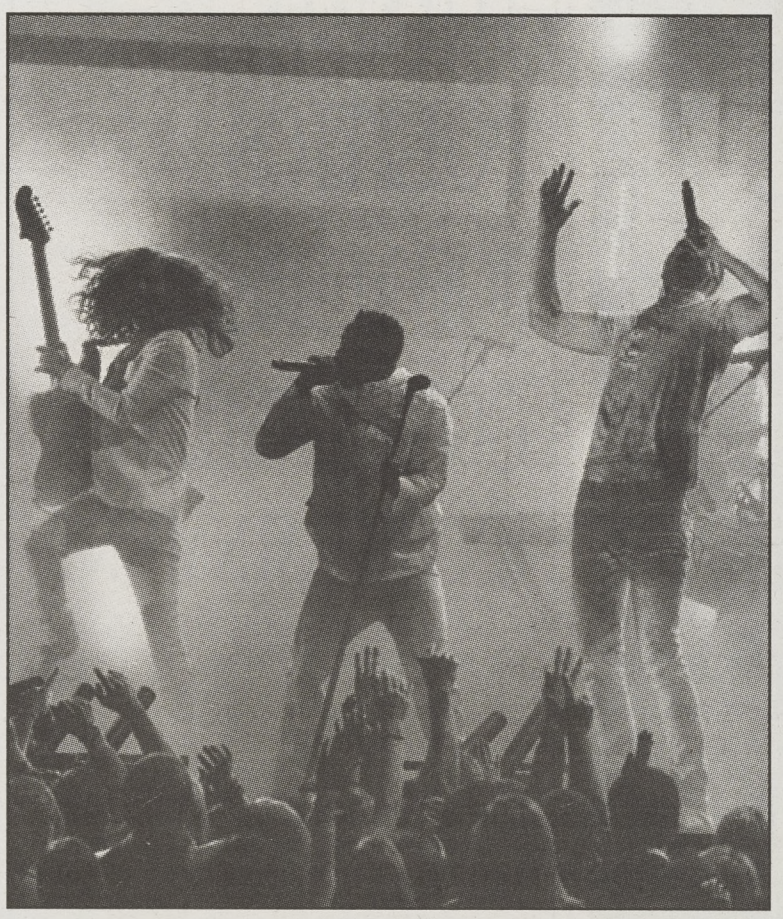
Above all, Zahn said she greets her customers with kind words and a smile.

"If you end up not valuing your customers then the word of mouth will turn negative, so the [priority is that] I want to celebrate the community here."

Tattered is currently offering CSULB students a 10 percent discount on purchases with a valid school I.D.

Zahn said she is extending the deal throughout the month of February to encourage students to visit her store and dig through her treasures.

Tattered is located in the Target shopping center on Bellflower Boulevard and Stearns Street.



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Imagine Dragons was radioactive during their vivid performance and collaboration with Kendrick Lamar.

In case you missed the Grammys ...

BY JESUS GONZALEZ

Assistant Diversions Editor

The Grammys are considered the biggest night in music. The awards take a look back at some of the most popular music to hit the airwaves in the past year. It's more than just an awards show, however, as this year's televised event featured 20 different musical performances.

One of the biggest winners of the night was Daft Punk, with four awards, including Album and Record of the Year. The group remained in character throughout the night and Pharrell Williams spoke on their behalf. Daft Punk also had a rare and colorful live performance which included appearances by Stevie Wonder, Pharrell Williams, and Nile Rodgers.

Lorde performed her hit song "Royals" soon after Beyonce and Jay-Z opened the show with a very sexualized performance of "Drunk in Love." While it might seem like a tough act to follow, Lorde's less-than-pop performance was equally as impressive. Her dance moves and vocals were performed with a gothic aesthetic. It was a bit awkward to see at first, but at the young age of 17, she stands out not only as a singer but also as a performer. Lorde took home two Grammys for Song of the Year and Best Pop Solo Performance.

One of the most heartwarming moments occurred during Macklemore's performance of the LGBT equality anthem, "Same Love." Not only did it include an appearance by Madonna, but Queen Latifah also officiated a mass wedding ceremony of 33 couples of varying race and sexual orientation.

While the performance did take a little away from a night dedicated to music, it did not overshadow the awards show. Macklemore and Ryan Lewis won four Grammys including Best New Artist and Best Rap Song.

Kendrick Lamar may not have won any Grammys but he certainly gained some fans. As expected in a Grammys performance, the most unique and memorable collaboration of the night was a mash-up of Kendrick Lamar's "M.A.A.D. City" and Imagine Dragons "Radioactive." The performance was stunning.

The timeless Paul McCartney also performed "Queenie Eye" with former Beatle Ringo Starr on drums.

The awards show was roughly four hours long and had many memorable performances, but there were a few that didn't seem necessary.

For example, Metallica's performance of their classic hit "One." The group hasn't released any new music since 2011 and any good music since probably 1988.

It seemed like there were more performances than actual awards given throughout the night. Eliminating some of the performances could have made more room for awards that were not televised, such as the Best Alternative Music Album category, in which vampire weekend won for their album "Vampires of the City."

The night ended with Nine Inch Nails, Queens of the Stone Age, and Dave Grohl performing songs, "Copy of A" and "My God is the Sun," together. The performance was cut short by messages from sponsors, but it was still a nice way to conclude a music-filled night.

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BIG WEST STANDINGS

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UC Irvine	4-1	13-8
Cal Poly	4-2	8-11
Hawaii	3-2	14-5
UC Santa Barbara	3-2	12-6
LONG BEACH STATE	3-2	7-12
Cal State Fullerton	2-3	7-12
Cal State Northridge	2-4	10-11
UC Riverside	2-4	7-13
UC Davis	1-4	6-14

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVR.
Cal Poly	5-1	11-8
Hawaii	4-1	10-7
Cal State Northridge	4-2	8-12
UC Davis	3-2	8-10
Cal State Fullerton	3-2	7-11
LONG BEACH STATE	2-3	10-9
UC Irvine	2-3	9-10
UC Santa Barbara	1-4	6-12
UC Riverside	0-6	4-15

MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

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	CONF.	OVR.
Brigham Young	6-0	6-2
UCLA	3-0	6-1
Pepperdine	4-1	4-1
Hawaii	3-1	5-2
USC	3-2	4-2
UC Santa Barbara	2-2	3-2
LONG BEACH STATE	3-3	4-3
Cal State Northridge	2-2	2-3
UC Irvine	2-3	5-4
Cal Baptist	2-4	2-5
Stanford	1-3	4-3
Pacific	0-4	1-6
UC San Diego	0-6	0-7

WOMEN'S TENNIS

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVR.
LONG BEACH STATE	1-0	2-1
Cal State Northridge	0-0	2-0
Cal Poly	0-0	1-1
Cal State Fullerton	0-0	1-1
UC Davis	0-0	1-1
UC Irvine	0-0	1-1
UC Riverside	0-0	0-2
UC Santa Barbara	0-0	0-2
Hawaii	0-1	1-5

WOMEN'S WATER POLO

BIG WEST STANDINGS

	CONF.	OVR.
UC Irvine	0-0	4-0
Cal State Northridge	0-0	3-1
LONG BEACH STATE	0-0	3-1
UC Davis	0-0	1-1
UC Santa Barbara	0-0	2-5
Hawaii	0-0	0-0

LBSU Student-Athlete of the Week
Maeva Razakasoa (Women's Tennis)

The French freshman continues to have success in the spring season, as she has a 6-0 record so far. Razakasoa won both of her matches against San Diego State, defeating Kristin Buth in singles and taking down Dora Somoracz and Hailey Johnson with parter Ebba Unden in doubles.

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Seattle's Jermaine Kearse celebrates during the Seahawks' 40-10 win over the Broncos during the preseason.

SUPER DEBATE

Seattle will prove that defense wins championships by slowing down Denver's prolific offense.

Jason Clark
Sports Editor

If I were a betting man, I would not bet on this year's Super Bowl. The Denver Broncos and Seattle Seahawks have such different strengths that the only way to know which is stronger is to play the game. For the purposes of today's Daily 49er sports section, though, I'm going all in on the Seahawks. Here's why.

OFFENSE

Russell Wilson is no Peyton Manning, but the Seahawks won't need him to be. With the New Jersey weather, the offensive plan will shift toward the running game, where Marshawn Lynch, Christine Michael and Robert Turbin await.

Even with their stellar defense, the Seahawks will need to eat clock on offense just to keep the ball out of Manning's hands. They can do that as long as they establish their running game early on.

DEFENSE

It's been well-publicized that with Peyton Manning and his all-star team of receivers, the Broncos are statistically the best offense in the league. Nobody can debate that.

It's also been well-publicized, though, that with Richard Sherman and Seattle's all-star seconday, the Seahawks have the best defense in the league. This is the matchup that has already defined Super Bowl XLVIII.

Richard Sherman will once again back up his words by essentially taking Demaryius Thomas out of the game. Everywhere else on the field, the Seahawks have a player that can neutralize one of Denver's strengths. They won't be perfect on every series, but in the battle between the NFL's best offense and best defense, defense will win.

COACHING

Pete Carroll has a laid-back coaching style that brought him success in college at Southern California and has since translated to success in the NFL. He has experience with big games in college (he led USC to three national championship games), but the biggest game he coached in the NFL was two weeks ago in the NFC championship game.

Big game experience is overrated. The Green Bay Packers won it all with very little Super Bowl experience on their roster in 2011, and the Ravens did the same last year.

When it comes down to it, Carroll is as well prepared to win the Super Bowl as anyone in the Broncos organization. That's as much as you can ask for from the coaching position.

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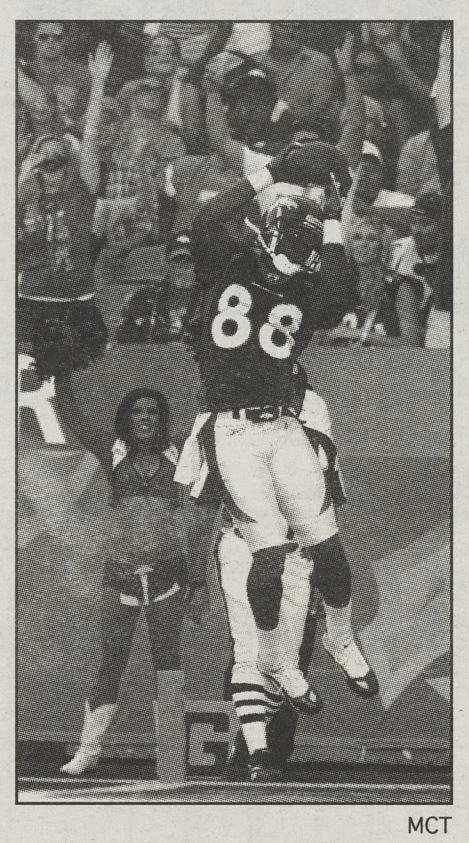

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Wide receiver Demaryius Thomas is one of Peyton Manning's many weapons.

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WORTH NOTING

Peyton Manning trails his brother Eli 2-1 on Super Bowl rings. Eli won his second championship on Peyton's home field at Lucas Oil Stadium when the Giants defeated the Patriots in 2012.

If the Broncos win Sunday in MetLife Stadium (Eli's home field), Peyton will tie Eli in total championships.

The Broncos are more than a one-man team, and they will show it against Seattle.

Andrew Turner
Assistant Sports Editor

Brace yourselves! You knew the moment the Pro Bowl passed that you were going to be bombarded with a stream of Super Bowl conscience. How right you are.

I'm not going to bore you with debate over Peyton Manning's legacy … yet. This one's for all the Vegas hopefuls. Here's why the Denver Broncos deserve your pick on Sunday.

OFFENSE

Peyton Manning is one of the greatest quarterbacks of all time. Demaryius Thomas, Eric Decker, and Wes Welker make for one of the most explosive trios of receivers that a quarterback has ever had to work with.

I'm aware that no one has called the weather man off the hunt, and he is still predicting a blizzard. Still, I have too much respect for the multi-dimensionality of the Broncos offense. Knowshon Moreno and Montee Ball are both good receivers out of the backfield.

DEFENSE

The Wisconsin wonder child Russell Wilson has looked rattled in the playoffs. If the magic does not return early in the game for the sophomore slinger, Denver's front seven will be up to the task of stopping Marshawn Lynch.

The Broncos defense has only gotten healthier as the year's gone on with Champ Bailey and Von Miller rounding into form. Denver has been the best team against the run in the postseason, allowing just 64.5 yards on the ground per game.

COACHING

Facing the exuberance of Pete Carroll is a tall order. The former USC Trojan great breathes life into the entire Seattle sideline. If Denver has anything going for them, it's that John Fox went to the Super Bowl with the Carolina Panthers in 2004.

SPECIAL TEAMS

Denver can claim a sizable victory in this category. Matt Prater set the NFL record with a 64-yard field goal on Dec. 8 versus the Titans. In the return game, few are more dangerous than Trindon Holliday. If Fox can look past Holliday's fumbling problems, the Broncos could have a major advantage in field position.

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